for implementation over a two year programme has been sought from the Central Government.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

**Pace of road construction**

t2534. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decline in the pace of work of construction and extension of inter-State roads and highways has been registered in last few years;

(b) the length of inter-States roads and highways in kilometres, State-wise and year-wise constructed and extended, during last three years; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to expedite this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. State-wise length of inter-State connectivity roads completed under Inter-State Connectivity and Economic Importance scheme during the last three years are annexed.

(c) Monitoring of these works is done on regular basis.

**Six-laning of Highways**

2535. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have okeyed Rs. 22,750 Crores package for developing four-lane highways into six-lane in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of highways that would be converted into six-lane in the Orissa State?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is considering to widen 6500 km. length of National Highways to six-lanes on Build Operate and Transfer Basis under National Highways Development Project (Phase-V) at a cost of Rs. 22,750 crore. This would include the entire length of 5846 km. of Golden Quadrilateral and some other stretches to be selected. The proposal is under discussion with the Planning Commission and as such, it is too early to give the details.

**Road development in Bangalore**

2536. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are examining the proposal submitted by the State for undertaking road development works in Bangalore city;

(b) whether there is any proposal of building a four-lane Highways between Bijapur and Hospet; and

(c) what is the status of the proposal for constructing by-passes for Hubli, Kanakpura, Hospet, and other major cities in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.State Government has sought one-time financial assistance from Planning Commission of Rs. 516 crore for development of 38 State Roads of Economic Importance around Bangalore City.

(b) The State Government has proposed for four-laning of the National Highway between Bijapur and Hospet on NH-13.However, Union Government has not approved the proposal.

(c) In Annual Plan 2005-06 provision has been made for carrying out Feasibility Study/Detailed Project Report for the by- passes namely Hospet, Bellary, Moodabidri, Kanakpura and Hubli. The status of these by-passes is enclosed as Statement.